ARTS CALENDAR, JANUARY/FEBRUARY

February 21

Butte Symphony - 7:30 p.m., Mother Lode Theatre, 406-723-5590

Chinese New Year Parade - 3 p.m., Uptown, Mai Wah Society, 406-723-3231

Alton Brown Live - 7:30 p.m., Mother Lode Theatre, 406-723-3602

Charlo

January 15

Black Tie Dinner - 7 p.m., Allentown, Ninepipes Museum of Early Montana, 406-644-3435 February 7

Ninepipe Arts Group party: The heART of Fishing - 5:30 p.m., Leon Hall, 406-644-2311

January 9

Bar J Wranglers - 7 p.m., Rialto Theatre, 406-846-1703

Dillon

February 2

"The Great Gatsby" - 7:30 p.m., UMW Beier Auditorium, 406-683-7422

Rebecca Folsom Band - 7 p.m., UMW Beier Auditorium, Southwest Montana Arts Council, 406-683-6208

February 17

International String Trio - 7 p.m., UMW Beier Auditorium, Southwest Montana Arts Council,

Drummond

February 3

"Favorite Stories of Our Big Sky Country" -7-8 p.m., Drummond School and Community Library, 406-243-6022

January 16

Jonathan Kingham - 7 p.m., Lincoln County High School Auditorium, Sunburst Community Service Foundation, 406-297-0197

February 1

"The Enduring Book: Evolution of an Elegant Technology" - 5:30 p.m., National Hotel Building, 406-243-6022

Rebecca Folsom Duo - 7 p.m., Lincoln County High School Auditorium, Sunburst Community Service Foundation, 406-297-0197

Fort Benton

January 21

Jonathan Kingham - 7 p.m., Fort Benton Elementary School, Chouteau County Performing Arts, 406-750-2918 or 622-5677

February 13

Pear - 7 p.m., Montana Agricultural Center, Chouteau County Performing Arts, 406-750-2918

Glasgow

February 9

Tumbledown House -7 p.m., Glasgow High School, Northeastern Arts Network, 406-489-4304

Great Falls

January 7, 10 Film: "Troubled Water" - Great Falls Public Library, 406-453-0349

January 8, 15, 22, 29 Armchair Traveler Series - 7 p.m.,

Great Falls Public

Library, 406-453-0349

January 15, 22, 29, February 5 Winter Film Festival - Lewis and Clark Interpre-

tive Center, 406-727-8733 January 15

Wylie and the Wild West - 7:30 p.m., Mansfield Center for the Performing Arts, Great Falls Community Concert Assoc., 406-455-8514 January 16, February 20

No Shame Theatre - 10 p.m., University of Great Falls Theatre, 406-791-5367

Great Falls Symphony Orchestra with Ovidiu Marinescu, Cellist - 7:30 p.m., Mansfield Center for the Performing Arts, 406-453-4102 January 23-25

MPAC Artist Showcase and Conference - Mansfield Center for the Performing Arts, Montana Performing Arts Consortium, 406-585-9551



Montana Repertory Theatre stages "The Great Gatsby" in Missoula, Plains, Helena, Dillon, Butte, Lewistown and Billings.

Chinook Winds and the Cascade Quartet: Chamboree - 2 p.m., First Congregational Church, 406-453-4102

January 27

Chinook Winds and the Cascade Quartet: Chamboree - 7 p.m., C.M. Russell Museum, 406-453-4102

January 28

'Jeannette Rankin: American Conscience" -7 p.m., The History Museum, 406-243-6022

"Jekyll and Hyde" - 7:30 p.m., Mansfield Center for the Performing Arts, 406-453-4102

Film: "The Day I Saw Your Heart" - Great Falls Public Library, 406-453-0349

February 5

Black Heritage Evening: Celebrating Black American Culture, History and Cuisine - 6 p.m., Great Falls Public Library, 406-453-0349

Brian Regan - 7:30 p.m., Mansfield Center for the Performing Arts, 406-453-4102

Chefs and Champagne - 6:30 p.m., Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art, 406-727-8255

February 10 Todd Oliver and Friends - 7:30 p.m., Mansfield Center for the Performing Arts, Great Falls Community Concert Assoc., 406-455-8514



Cellest Ovidiu Marinescu performs Jan. 17 with the Great Falls Symphony Orchestra and with the Helena Symphony on Jan. 31.

February 13

Cascade Quartet: Tango and Rose - 7 p.m., C.M. Russell Museum, 406-453-4102 February 15

Cascade Quartet: Tango and Rose - 2 p.m., First Congregational Church, 406-453-4102 February 18

"Memphis" - 7:30 p.m., Mansfield Center for the Performing Arts, 406-453-4102 February 21

Great Falls Symphony Orchestra with the Brubeck Brothers Quartet - 7:30 p.m., Mansfield Center for the Performing Arts, 406-453-4102

Hamilton

January 3

Hammy Awards - 7 p.m., Hamilton Playhouse, 406-375-9050

January 17

Marc Cohn - 8 p.m., Hamilton Performing Arts Center, Bitterroot Performing Arts Council, 406-363-7946

February 13-15, 27-28

The Drowsy Chaperone" - Hamilton Playhouse, 406-375-9050

February 14

Pokey LaFarge - 8 p.m., Hamilton Performing Arts Center, Bitterroot Performing Arts Council. 406-363-7946

Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance - 5:30 p.m., Daly Mansion, 406-363-6004

Harlowton

January 6

"Montana 1864: Stories from Montana's Creation" - 6-7 p.m., Public Library, 406-243-6022

Havre

January 16-17, 22-24, 29-31 "9 Circles" - 8 p.m., MSUN/MAT Theatre, 406-945-0272

P.E.O. Wine and Microbrew Gala - 7 p.m., St. Jude Parish Center, 406-265-0957

"Grease" - 8 p.m., MSUN/MAT Theatre, 406-945-0272

Helena

January 2, February 6

First Friday - 5-9 p.m., downtown, 406-461-2073

Musick on 12th Night - 7:30 p.m., St. John's Lutheran Church, 406-459-1677 "Smokey Joe's Cafe" - 7:30 p.m., Helena Civic Center, 406-447-8481

406-442-1860

10 a.m., St. Paul's United Methodist Church, January 16-18, 21-25, 28-31 "Becky's New Car" - Grandstreet Theatre,

Symphony Kids: "Boom! Pow! shh ..." -

406-447-1574

January 17 Artist Talk: Mark Hewitt - 7:30 p.m., Archie Bray Foundation, 406-443-3502 January 17, 21

The Met: Live in HD Encore: "The Merry Widow," Great Northern Cinemark 8, 406-442-4225 January 18

Marc Cohn - 7:30 p.m., Myrna Loy Center, 406-443-0287 January 22

Catapult - 7 p.m., Helena Civic Center, Live! at

the Civic, 406-422-4083 January 28 The Great Gatsby" - 7:30 p.m., Myrna Loy Center, 406-443-0287

January 30-31 "D Generation: The Exultation of Larks" - Myrna Loy Center, 406-443-0287 January 31

Helena Symphony: Cellist Ovidiu Marinescu -7:30 p.m., Helena Civic Center, 406-442-1860 January 31, February 4

The Met: Live in HD Encore: "Les Contes D'Hoffman," Great Northern Cinemark 8, 406-442-4225

Jayme Stone's The Lomax Project - 7:30 p.m., Myrna Loy Center, 406-443-0287

Feb Fest - 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Helena Civic Center, Helena Civic Center Board, 406-933-8294 Symphony Kids: "On Your Mark, Get Set, Go!" -10 a.m., St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 406-442-1860

The Piano Men - 7 p.m., Helena Civic Center, Live! at the Civic, 406-422-4083 February 12-13

Winter Jazz Festival - 7:30 p.m., Myrna Loy Center, 406-443-0287 February 14

Pear - 7:30 p.m., Gateway Center, Starz on Stage, 406-227-9711

February 14, 18 The Met: Live in HD Encore: "Iolanta" and "Blackbeard's Castle," Great Northern Cine-

mark 8, 406-442-4225 February 19-22, 26-28

"Crimes of the Heart" - Carroll College Theatre, 406-447-4309 February 19

Governor's Humanities Awards Ceremony -3 p.m., State Capitol Rotunda, 406-243-6022 February 20

Mayhem Poets - 7:30 p.m., Myrna Loy Center, 406-443-0287 February 27-28

"Our Town" - 7:30 p.m., Grandstreet Theatre, 406-447-1574

February 28 Helena Symphony: Pianist Joel Fan - 7:30 p.m., Helena Civic Center, 406-442-1860

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"Great Gatsby" entices new generation of theatre-goers

Witness the sweep, poetry and grandeur of F. Scott Fitzgerald's novel as the Montana Repertory Theatre continues to tell America's great stories with its production of "The Great Gatsby," adapted by Simon Levy.

"I first read The Great Gatsby in one thrilling afternoon on the Jersey shore during high school, and I have long dreamed of bringing the novel to the stage," writes Greg Johnson, the company's artistic director. "The power of the narrative; the accurate, haunting, and heartfelt snapshot of the Roaring Twenties; and the sheer beauty of the prose still take my breath away."

With the publication of Levy's masterful adaptation, Johnson says the stage can offer new, exciting, and fertile ground for the story. "On the stage we can feel the energy of Jay Gatsby, the sensual allure of Daisy Buchanan, and the Everyman complexity of Nick Carraway," he adds.

The production opens Jan. 23 with the Silver Celebration gala at the Montana Theatre on the campus of The University of Montana, and continues Jan. 24, 29-31 and Feb. 5 and 7 in Missoula. The Rep also visits Plains, Whitefish, Helena, Dillon, Butte, Lewistown and Billings before taking the production on a national tour. For details, visit

www.montanarep.